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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING	)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application. The listed documents were previously submitted or cited by the Examiner in a Notice of Allowance dated April 7, 2000 in the copending parent Application No. 09/251,425, filed on February 17, 1999. Thus, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not required to be provided.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "Prior Art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

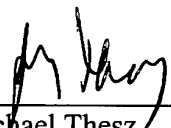
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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